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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 1-14-64
1-Mr.Belmont
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FROM : Mr. D. J. Brennan

SUBJECT: WARREN COMMISSION

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[redacted] Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), furnished the following to Agent Papich on 1-14-64 on a strictly confidential basis

Messrs. Rankin and Allen Dulles of the captioned Commission met with CIA officials on 1-14-64. Also present was Mr. Willens (phonetic), presumably from the Department of Justice. The purpose of the meeting was to determine the nature of CIA's capabilities to conduct any inquiries or investigation for the Commission overseas. CIA agreed to cooperate and the Agency was left with the understanding that upon receiving specific requests from the Commission, CIA will obtain "facts, interpretations or any available information" relating to Oswald's activities outside of the U. S. These requests very likely will be predicated upon leads which may stem from documents made available and pertaining to Oswald's overseas travels.

Rankin emphasized to CIA that the Commission may not reach its objective but it is actually endeavoring to determine "every second, every minute, of Oswald's life outside of the U. S."

CIA raised a question concerning the classification of material which the Agency might disseminate to the Commission pointing out that CIA was interested in protecting its "sources and methods." Rankin replied that the matter of classification would be determined at the White House. He further made it clear that if the Commission received any information which directed criticism against any agencies, such data would not be classified and very likely would be made public.

A discussion also arose concerning the advisability of sending a letter to the Soviet Government requesting more details concerning Oswald's life in Russia. Allen Dulles was of the opinion that a letter should be sent within the next few days. Rankin prefers to wait until additional review of material is made by the Commission thus giving the Commission an opportunity to prepare a comprehensive letter. The Commission will continue to review this particular matter.

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The Commission has officially requested CIA to make material available to defectors or consultants whom CIA feels possibly could shed any light or interpretation on Oswald's activities outside of the U. S.

Rankin indicated that the Commission expects to be in business for a period of three to six months.

ACTION:

For information.

WCS